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INFO USMISSION USBERLIN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 02603

FOR DIRECTOR S/S

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ACOM OGEN PGOV WB
SUBJECT: LATERAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXDIS MESSAGES

REF: 6 FAM 212.2B

1. THE REFERENCED REGULATION PROHIBITS LATERAL TRANSMISSION BY POSTS OF EXDIS MESSAGES TO MILITARY COMMANDS "EXCEPT WHEN SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT." IF THERE ARE INSTANCES IN WHICH THIS AUTHORIZATION CAN BE GIVEN IN ADVANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST SUCH AUTHORIZATION FOR US MISSION BERLIN.

2. IN MY ROLE AS CHIEF OF MISSION IN BERLIN, MY DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION IS THE US COMMANDER BERLIN (USCOB), AN ARMY MAJOR GENERAL. THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION IS THE MINISTER, A SENIOR FSO WHO HEADS USBERLIN.

3. ALTHOUGH USBERLIN IS IN MANY RESPECTS AUTONOMOUS FROM USCOB IN ITS PREROGATIVES TO ORIGINATE MESSAGES AND FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS, IT IS FORMALLY A PORTION OF WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A MIXED DOD/STATE MISSION. ON MOST POLITICAL/MILITARY MATTERS AFFECTING
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BERLIN, USBER DISPATCHES A SINGLE AGREED REPORT, IN WHICH USCOB CONCURS, TO ALL CONCERNED DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ADDRESSEES. THE LATTER INCLUDE CINCEUR, CINCUSAREUR, CINCUSAFE, AND US ELEMENT LIVE OAK. IN RARE INSTANCES SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT MATTER REQUIRES THAT SUCH MESSAGES BE EXDIS. USBER 338, WHICH SUMMARIZED A SENSITIVE ARMY INTELLIGENCE

REPORT, IS A CASE IN POINT.

4. IN CASES OF URGENCY, IT IS DESIRABLE FOR MILITARY ADDRESSEES, INCLUDING USCOB'S MILITARY SUPERIORS, TO RECEIVE SUCH POL/MIL MESSAGES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THEM TO BE RELAYED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SENDING PARALLEL MESSAGES THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS IS POSSIBLE BUT WOULD RESULT IN DELAY AND POSSIBLE CONFUSION OF REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. FOR THESE REASONS, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE USBER TO TRANSMIT EXDIS MESSAGES Laterally TO MILITARY COMMANDS. IF THIS AUTHORIZATION CANNOT BE GRANTED, I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED WHETHER REQUESTS FROM USBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO RELAY EXDIS MESSAGES TO SPECIFIED MILITARY ADDRESSEES ARE HONORED AUTOMATICALLY OR WHETHER EACH SUCH REQUEST MUST BE REVIEWED BY A SUBSTANTIVE OFFICER BEFORE RELAY. THIS INFORMATION, AND AN INDICATION OF THE NORMAL TIME DELAY INVOLVED, WILL ENABLE USBER TO DETERMINE WHETHER MESSAGES OF THE KIND ENVISAGED SHOULD BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY BY USCOB THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. STOESEL

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